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& Chief North.

The position of Chief of Police is now filled by Samuel North, a man of well-known ability and unswerving integrity. Chief North, an excellent portrait of whom appears on the opposite page, is a native of Norfolk County, Ontario. He started out to earn a living for himself very early in life, having at the age of sixteen migrated to the lumber districts near Bay City, Mich., where he worked for three years. He spent eight years in Manitoba and the Northwest Territory, and was in the transport service during the Northwest Rebellion. He came to Vancouver (then Granville) in the fall of 1886. The town was then being rebuilt after the disastrous fire and work of all kinds was plentiful. His first connection with the police department was in February, 1890, when he accepted the position of patrolman. He served two years as jailer, and in 1897 was appointed sergeant under Chief Stewart. On July 15th of the present year Mr. North was appointed chief of the department, which position he holds with credit to himself and the city. He has all the requisites which go to make an exemplary chief. He is keen of perception, quick to act, has a disposition of firmness tempered with kindliness, and marked executive ability. He has already instituted a number of changes for the betterment of the service, and makes a study of the needs and requirements of his department.

Criminals are as progressive as the rest of mankind. A burglar of a quarter of a century ago would make very little headway against a burglar-proof vault or safe of to-day, and would in all probability not remain long out of jail. The heavy kit of burglars' tools has been supplanted by a much more effective one, which can easily be carried in the breast pocket. Likewise in every branch of crime a continual advance may be noted. It necessarily devolves upon the police to keep abreast of, or rather outstrip them in shrewdness, for the perpetrators of new forms of rascality and vice must be confronted by a superior intelligence.

The Vancouver Police Department, under Chief North, is rapidly assuming a position that will make it the envy of many larger cities. In the near future the force must be increased, a new headquarters building erected and modern improvements and equipment must of necessity be added from time to time. The department in discipline and morale is on a par with that of much larger cities, and the citizens owe it a great debt of gratitude. The business community has time and again had cause to recognize the efficiency of the police, and the amount of stolen property recovered will aggregate thousands of dollars. Only a few days before the writing of this article the wife of one of Vancouver's most prominent citizens recovered, through the instrumentality of Detective Wylie and Chief North, stolen jewelry aggregating in value upwards of \$2,000. Many such cases come before the department from time to time, which are always acted upon with great promptness and almost invariably with success.



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Sergeant Butler.

Sergeant Thomas H. Butler is one of the most popular men in the department. He is familiarly known as "Tom," and is liked by everyone who has the good fortune to make his acquaintance. He has done some of the cleverest work of the department, and his elevation to the position of sergeant is the result of meritorious work. Sergeant Butler is a native of Newfoundland, where he spent his younger manhood. He worked in the Grand Trunk car shops at Montreal as carpenter for three years, coming to Vancouver thirteen years ago, where he has since remained. He worked at his trade for three years, having assisted in building the first power house in Vancouver, the Sugar Refinery, B. C. Iron Works and other prominent factories and buildings. On March 7th, 1892, he became connected with the police department as patrolman, in which capacity he served for three years, when he was appointed detective by the police committee. During his six years of service as a detective Mr. Butler proved himself a most capable, efficient and thorough officer of the law. He has performed some of the best work of the department, and has a large number of notable arrests to his credit. Though genial in disposition, Mr. Butler is not easily deceived, and he is possessed of a strong will power, fine physique and unlimited nerve. He has been instrumental in breaking up several gangs of thieves, burglars and other law breakers, and rendered most valuable service to the city. He became acting sergeant March 6th of the present year, and received the permanent appointment of sergeant August 26th.

Sergeant Harris.

Sergeant E. A. Harris is perhaps one of the most scrupulous and punctilious police officers in the country. If he has a duty to perform he will perform it to the letter, regardless of consequences. He is a native of Meaford, Ontario, and a descendant of one of the old United Empire Loyalist families who moved to Canada on the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, and later took part in many battles. Mr. Harris left home at the age of sixteen for San Francisco. After four years spent in various occupations in the Golden State, he went to Portland, Ore., and later to Dakota, where he farmed for several years. In the spring of 1890 he found himself in Vancouver and went to work logging, but in the following February joined the police force as patrolman under Chief McLaren. In December, 1895, he was made acting sergeant, which position he filled for one year. After this he served as detective for two and a half years, and then as patrolman again until the appointment of Chief North, when he was appointed sergeant in recognition of his valuable services. He also has made many important arrests, and has gained an enviable reputation as an officer of the law.

In 1897 all the principal cities of British Columbia, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, were terrorized by a burglar, who was designated the auger man on account of his peculiar method of entering stores by boring holes through the doors or walls with an auger. The police of all three cities were after him for some time, but he was finally run to earth and captured by Detectives Harris and McAllister.



SERGEANT THOMAS H. BUTLER.



SERGEANT E. A. HARRIS.

* Thomas Wylie.

The detective branch of a police department is a most important one, and Vancouver can boast of one of the best, for its size, in the country. It consists of four men, viz.: Chief Thomas Wylie, Chas. C. Park, John Jackson and Chas, Mulbearn.

Thomas Wylie, chief of the detective branch of the Vancouver Police Department, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is a man of especial fitness for such a position. No city has ever been been by Mr. Wylie. He is possessed of rare tact, keen perception, mountable obstacles and a physical energy and force that enables him to stand untold punishments and hardships. He has distinguished himself many times by really clever work in Vancouver and vicinity, to such an extent that his name is well known in police circles on the Pacific Coast. A Scotchman by birth, he emigrated at the age of 21 to the United States and settled in Pittsburg, Pa., but after one year returned to Scotland. In the spring of 1888, however, he again determined to cross the Atlantic, and this time set out for Toronto, coming to Vancouver in the fall of the same year. He procured a position with the Delta Cannery, and soon became its working or

practical manager. Later, at the request of the cannery men, he joined the Steveston police force. Among the many services rendered while serving in this capacity, was the capture of two safe crackers who had committed several depredations in Vancouver and elsewhere. In recognition of services rendered to the Vancouver police department, Chief Stewart installed him in the detective service in the latter part of that year. Since entering the Vancouver department Mr. Wylie has made a number of notable arrests. There are many readers of this volume who will recall the shocking murder of Alex. Main, the chief of police of Steveston, who was killed with an axe in the hands of a Chinaman he had just placed under arrest, and his body mutilated and buried by the murderer and his two pals. Wylie had a very flimsy clue to work on, but he formed his theory energy bent on a single object, with the consequent result that he captured first one, then another and finally the third of the murderers, subsequently by a "flank movement" saving them from lynching at the hands of a mob. Every theory held by Wylie in connection with this case proved correct, and his remarkable work won him unstinted praise in police circles throughout the Pacific Coast. Mr. Wylie has figured in many cases, captured various burglars, thieves, footpads, etc., and has in fact rendered great service to the citizens of Vancouver. It was solely on his merits as a valuable officer that by the recommendation of Chief North, almost immediately on the latter assuming the reins of chief of the department, Mr. Wylie was given the appointment by the City Council of Chief of Detectives.



A Few Noteworthy Crimes.

In 1898 two men attempted to rob the bank of Winter Smith by placing dynamite under the building, it being the intention to wreck the building and help themselves to the loot. Fortunately the fuse went out when within half an inch of the explosive. Had it exploded it would have caused great loss of life and property, as a number of persons lived in the building. Great alarm resulted from the discovery of the dastardly attempt, the bank people becoming almost panic-stricken. The matter was placed in the hands of Detectives Harris and McAllister, with the result that by 11 o'clock the next morning both men were in custody.

In the fall and winter of 1895-6, Vancouver experienced an era of safe-cracking, during which time the Standard Oil Company's safe was blown almost to pieces, J. Leckie's store on Granville street was broken into, the B. C. Fruit Canning Company's safe was blown open, the Moodyville Lumber Company's safe was taken out of the office and in an attempt to get it aboard of a boat it fell overboard. A number of other burglaries were committed, and the officers were nonplussed for a time. In searching the shacks and vacant houses of the city, Sergeant (then detective) Butler located four men in a shack in an alley between Pender and Dunsmuir streets. Knowing the desperate character of the men who were doing this work, Mr. Butler took three others with him, viz.: Detective Malcolm McLean, Sergeant Johnston and Officer Grady. Butler and McLean entered the house at the back door, while the other two guarded the front. The

men being taken unawares, their arrest was easy. Four loaded revolvers were found under the pillows of the beds, one large revolver hung on the wall and two others were hidden under one of the windows to be handy in case of a hurried flight. Two of the men, Rhynehart and Robinson, were convicted. The other two escaped from jail before trial.

Charles Williams and John Edwards in the latter part of 1897 invented a unique contrivance for prying the combination lock off of a safe. They entered the Inns of Court building one night and tried their invention, they being afraid it would be too noisy for practical use. They were arrested before making further use of it, and as they were responsible for several burglaries in Vancouver and New Westminster, their capture was considered an important one. Each was convicted and sentenced to three years at hard labor.

Thomas Wilton, a burglar who had served several terms on the American side, was leader of a gang who committed several burglaries in this city in 1895-6. They broke into several stores and were finally caught. Wilton turned Queen's evidence and was set free. He later served in the capacity of special detective, or spotter, for the police of Seattle and Portland.

Such, then, is the life of a policeman. His duties are of such a nature that he frequently leaves the station house on a case when he knows he is taking his life in his hands. But he must never flinch from duty's call. There is exacted from him constant vigilance; he comes in contact with all classes of society; crime, degradation and misery pass before his eyes every hour. Not only does he risk his life to prevent crime, but his health suffers from exposure, and if he escapes the assassin's bullet or knife, he grows old in a service that holds but few pleasures and fewer emoluments.

Clerk McIntosh

John W. McIntosh, the very efficient and very gentlemanly clerk of the Vancouver Police Court, an excellent portrait of whom appears on this page, is a native of Pictou County, Nova Scotia. He started out very early to earn a living for himself, and at the age of seventeen was in Manitoba, where he engaged at various times in railroad work, carpentering and farming. He was in the transport service in Manitoba during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. He first came to British Columbia in 1887, but after two years returned to the Northwest Territory. He made several trips to British Columbia while in the railroad service, and finally settled in Vancouver in 1895. In June of that year he joined the police force as a patrolman. He was appointed to the position of police -court clerk in February, 1897, which office he still fills with credit to himself and the department.

In the performance of his duty as a police officer Mr. McIntosh has had



POLICE COURT CLERK J. W. MCINTOSH.

some exciting experiences and narrow escapes. He carries several wounds on his body, each of which tells of a fight for life. On one occasion he was patrolling his beat in company with Patrolman Butler, when he saw a man lurking in the shadow of a building in an evident endeavor to break in. McIntosh started for him, when the fellow quickly turned and fired, the bullet passing through the officer's helmet. McIntosh fired in return, but his man escaped. Two nights later Officer Caldwell arrested a Chinaman for breaking into a store. He had a fresh bullet wound on his scalp, which he said was caused by a policeman having shot him two nights previously. Mr. McIntosh has a large number of arrests to his credit, for, despite his position being a clerical one, he frequently is called upon and is always found ready to act. He is one of the most popular men in the department, and a more careful and thorough man could not be found to fill the exacting office.

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DETECTIVE CHARLES C. PARK
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patrolman in June 1890. Appointed on the detective
force one year ago.



DETECTIVE JOHN JACKSON

is a native of Belfast, Ireland. He emigrated to Canada in 1886 and settled at Hamilton, Ontario, where he worked at his trade of machinist until 1890. In March of that year he came to Vancouver and nine years later became connected with the police department as patrolman. In February of the present year he was made a member of the detective force on account of his recognised abilities in that line of work.

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PATROLMAN JOHN McKEOWN

Came to Vancouver in September, 1887, and shortly thereafter became special nightwatchman. In the spring of 1890 he became a regular patrolman, in which capacity he still serves. He is one of the oldest and best known members of the department.



PATROLMAN ROBERT BORLAND,

A native of Ontario province, came to Vancouver in 1887. He engaged in various occupations until March, 1895, when he joined the department as a patrolman, which position he now holds.

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PATROLMAN JOHN MCLEAN

Came to Vancouver in 1896, prior to which he served twelve years with the Bangor and Aroostock Railroad in Maine. Before going on the police force Mr. McLean did quite a little special police work. On one occasion he captured two burglars red handed, has saved several places from being robbed and one family in Mount Pleasant from being burned to death. He joined the department as patrolman in October, 1897.

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GAOLER J. H. GRADY

Is a native of Nova Scotia and spent the early part of his life in Ontario and Manitoba, having lived twenty years in the former and seventeen years in the latter province. He saw service during the Fenian troubles in 1886, and served under Lord Wolseley in 1870-71 through the Red River Rebellion. He came to Vancouver in 1887, and became connected with the department as patrolman in October, 1889. The following year he took charge of the chain gang. He is gaoler by appointment, and still retains charge of the gang. Mr. Grady is the oldest member but one in the department.



PATROLMAN DAN. McINTOSH,

A native of Ontario, came to Vancouver in 1890. He worked at his trade of carpenter for several years, and became connected with the department as patrolman in the fall of 1897.

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PATROLMAN D. D. McINTOSH

Came to Vancouver in 1894 and became a patrolman on the police force in February, 1893. He has done excellent work for the department and has many prominent arrests to his credit.

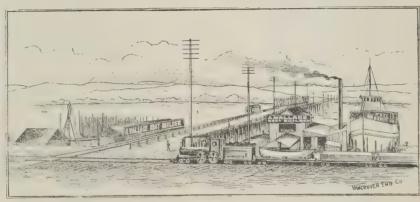


DAN LEATHERDALE,

Assistant goaler and chain gang guard, is a native of Ontario province. He came to Vancouver in 1889 and engaged in the draying business until March 1898 when he became connected with the department in the same capacity as he now serves.

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PATROLMAN A. WADDELL,

enjoys the distinction of being the tallest man on the force, standing six feet four inches in his boots. He is well proportioned, however, weighing 214 pounds. He is a native of Ontario and came to Vancouver in 1897. He became connected with the department in March, 1899 as patrolman, in which capacity he still serves.



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PATROLMAN ARTHUR DAVIES,

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PATROLMAN GEORGE J. MILLER,

Also a native of Ontario province, came to Vancouver in 1898 and became connected with the department in February 1900. Prior to coming to Vancouver Mr. Miller served for three years with the police department of Brockvile, Ont., and was on the force at that place at the time the notorious La Point killed one man and wounded eleven others including the Chief and Sergeant of Police.



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PATROLMAN E. A. SNYDER,

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PATROLMAN JAMES J. SINCLAIR,

Is one of the youngest men on the force. He is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to Vancouver in 1897; went to South Africa with the first Canadian contingent; served one year in the war, taking part in the battles of Paardeberg, Bloomfontein and Tabanshu. At Winburg he, was invalided with fever and sent to the hospital at Springfontein. He served as clerk for Major Snyder, orderly clerk for the Canada detail and later on the military police. He returned with the regiment December 31st, 1900; and six weeks later joined the police force as patrolman. He is also the drill master of the department.

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PATROLMAN MALCOLM B. McLENNAN, Came to Vancouver in 1897 and became connected with the department as patrolman in May of the present year.



PATROLMAN DAVID SCOTT

Enjoys the distinction of being the latest addition to the department. He is a Scotchman by birth and came to this city in 1897. He has served on both the fire and police departments of Salem, Oregon. Served as driver of the hook and ladder company in the Vancouver Fire Department for eighteen months and joined the police force in September of the present year.



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THOMAS CRAWFORD, NIGHT GAOLER,

Is a native of Dublin, Ireland and came to Vancouver in 1886, before the fire. He served as special policeman until the fall of 1890 when he was placed on the regular force as a patrolman. He was for a time acting sergeant under chief Ward and has been night gaoler for the past six years. Mr. Crawford saw service during the North-West Rebellion and holds a sergeant's medal and clasp, of the 91st Winnipeg Light Infantry.

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PATROLMAN JOHN H. PURDY

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Merchants' Patrolman THOMAS F. CALBRICK, A native of Ontario province, came to Vancouver in 1886, before the fire; served as special provincial police for some time and was for three years chief of police of Stevenston, being succeeded by chief Main He entered the Vancouver police department in April, 1897, as merchants' patrolman, in which capacity he still serves.

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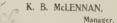
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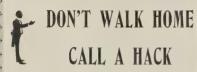


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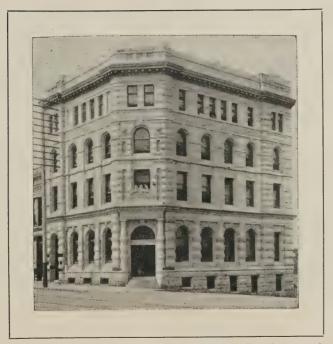
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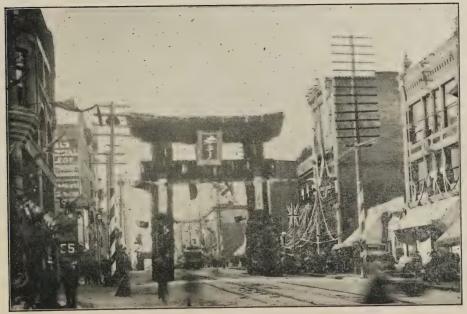
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The Vancouver Police Department.

OR some time past the Police Department of Vancouver has seen the desirability, in fact almost the necessity, of forming a Police Relief Association for the relief of sick

or disabled members. Such associations now exist in connection with the police departments of nearly if not quite all cities in Canada and the United States, and the enormous good they have accomplished is almost past belief. Such an association is now about to be formed, and a committee, consisting of Chief North, Sergeant Butler and Clerk McIntosh, has been appointed to arrange the details of the organization. It is hoped that the publication of this Souvenir will net a snug little sum as a nucleus for what will eventually become a self-sustaining Police Relief Association.

If the people of Vancouver enjoy the priceless boon of almost absolute security and freedom from crime and criminals, they should not make the very common error of believing that "we have but little need for policemen because we have such an orderly and well-behaved city." There are always a goodly number of the vicious element knocking at our doors ready to enter the moment the vigilant eye of the officer of the law is withdrawn. It is owing entirely to the neverending vigilance of its police force and the rigid administration of law and justice that any city enjoys more immunity from crime and

viciousness than its neighbors. Vancouver is said to be the most orderly city on the Pacific Coast, yet with an inferior or less energetic police department as golden opportunities would await the criminal classes here as elsewhere. And it certainly redounds greatly to the credit of the police department that as this is the most orderly city on the Coast, it is so despite the fact that in point of population it has the smallest police force on the Coast.

But these facts do not make the policeman's life entirely secure from the dangers which beset his confreres in other cities, by any means. On the contrary, his life is ever one of peril, and may be ended any moment by the class of whom he is the particular dread. The dangers to which he is exposed never end. When the city is peacefully sleeping he keeps his lonely vigil, ready to do his duty at all times, come what may, even though it lead him to almost certain death.

Life insurance among police officers is rare, owing to the heavy premiums asked, as the dangers to which he is constantly subjected make him an "undesirable risk." The fraternal insurance societies do not seek him. His life is a hard one, and in proportion to the duties performed, the pay small. His work is frequently criticized and rarely commended. At the time of the fire (1886) Vancouver, then known as Granville, had a population of not more than 500 and a police department of five men, or one policeman to each 100 of population. To-day it has a population of 30,000, with a vast ocean commerce and rail and water communication with the entire world in every direction, north, south, east and west, and only twenty-six men all told connected with the department, or about one for each 1,150 of population, and there is less actual crime in our midst to-day than at any time in the history of the city.

It is not the intention, in compiling this brief history, to record a detailed account of the doings of the department or to even mention the manifold duties that have to be performed by the police force, the hundreds of petty cases that come before it for adjustment, the many minor arrests made, the suspicious characters that are watched and oftentimes driven from the city, and the thousand and one other matters that engage almost constantly the eagle eye of the police officer, who, firm in the conviction that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is ever, night and day, watchful to prevent crime and disorder and thus obviate the necessity of constantly hunting down criminals. It is rather the desire to merely publish a record of its growth from its inception to the present day, with the changes in its official head and a few of the more important cases that have come before it.



History of the Department.

The history of the Vancouver Police Department dates from the early spring of 1886. At this time Vancouver was a mere village of 500 persons and was known as Granville. There were all told five men in the department: J. M. Stewart, chief; John McLaren, sergeant; V. W. Haywood and William Wood, patrolmen, and John Clough, jailer. The first jail was anything but a pretentious affair. It consisted of a small wooden building on Water street and contained three cells. Brush fires were very bad in this section during the spring and summer of 1886, and in the early part of June of that year burned so fiercely as to threaten the safety of the town. Every precaution was taken to prevent a spread of the flames, but in spite of these the fire reached the town June 13th, and the volunteer fire department was unable to prevent its entire destruction. Nineteen persons perished in the flames and only one building remained standing in the town. Jailer Clough had but one prisoner in his little jail at the time, but he stuck to his post of duty until ordered by his chief to turn the man loose and both run for their lives. The morning of June 14th was a desolate one for the Granville people. Every citizen was homeless and the town literally "wiped off the earth." Provisions there were none. The weather was fortunately warm and tents and supplies soon began to arrive from Victoria and elsewhere. As soon as possible the work of rebuilding began, and Granville

became a very busy place. The name was shortly afterwards changed to Vancouver, and the population increased rapidly. With this increase the size of the police department also increased, though in a somewhat smaller proportion. Three men were first added, which gave the department eight altogether, and no more were put on until after four or five years, since which time it has gradually been increased until now it numbers twenty-six men.

In the latter part of 1886 the police building on Powell street was erected. It is still in use as the police court, police headquarters and jail, though a number of additions have been made from time to time.

Chief Stewart retained his position as head of the department until 1891, when he was succeeded by John McLaren. The latter served until the first part of June, 1895. He was in turn superseded by William Ward, formerly inspector of police in Toronto and a veteran of the Crimean War. J. W. Johnston was sergeant and E. A. Harris acting sergeant. In September of the following year Chief Ward was deposed and Sergeant Johnston served as acting chief for three months, until the re-appointment of J. M. Stewart, with Samuel North and J. W. Johnston as sergeants. Chief Stewart served until July 15th of the present year, when Sergeant North was appointed chief, very much to the gratification of the majority of the citizens. The present sergeants are Thos. H. Butler and E. A. Harris, and it would be difficult to find two more efficient officers.

Owing to the great amount of travel to Alaska, the Yukon and other points, there are at all times a goodly number of strangers in

the city, and frequently the number becomes very large. That crime is not more common is due to the constant vigilance of each individual man on the force. Minor arrests are quite frequent, and in order to avoid the possibility of crime, suspicious characters are driven from the city without ceremony. Several members of the force have been engaged at various times in desperate work, but the records thus far show that no man ever yet flinched from the performance of his duty, and fortunately no officer has vet fallen a victim to the criminal's knife or bullet, though some there are who will carry wounds with them to their graves. The policeman never knows when he may become involved in a fight for his life with some desperate character, still he must make his arrests without any unnecessary force, must be ever cool and collected, even though facing death itself. And let it here be said, to the credit of Vancouver's police force, that prisoners are handled with consideration. The police are well trained, alert, active and physically powerful, as fine a body of men, for its size, as can be found in any police department in the country.

Unlike many cities, Vancouver has fortunately had no serious strikes or riots to contend with, but Chief North realizes that the police must be drilled and in readiness to contend with any emergency, hence the entire force is put through the police manual once a week.



Praise Where Praise is Due.

During the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on Sept. 30th, the police arrangements were as nearly perfect as can be imagined, and Chief North, Sergeants Butler and Harris and the entire department, in fact, were the recipients of unstinted praise, not only from the residents of the city, but from the visitors themselves. Even H. R. H. the Duke himself noted the perfect order maintained, and took occasion to speak of it to his worship the mayor in very complimentary terms. The many newspaper men who accompanied the royal party agreed that the arrangements were better and the order maintained more nearly perfect than in any other city visited. Wherever the royal party drove the streets were kept entirely clear of people, though the sidewalks were thronged. The crowd was perhaps the largest ever seen in Vancouver, the entire populace was enabled to procure an excellent view of the royal procession, and the latter was entirely unhampered in its progress by jostling crowds.

The following article was taken from the Vancouver Evening World of October 2nd, and tends to show the appreciation felt by Magistrate Russell, which reflects the sentiment of the entire community:

"At the conclusion of the session of the police court yesterday afternoon, Magistrate Russell praised the department which acts

under Chief North's instructions in very complimentary terms.

"Upon this occasion," Mr. Russell said, "I cannot help but convey to the force the appreciation of the visitors in connection with the very excellent order maintained while the royal guests were in the city. It reflects great credit upon the officials in charge, and it was especially noticed by the visiting pressmen, who stated that the regulations and the work done here surpassed that of the police force in any other part of Canada.

"I am glad that the opportunity has presented itself when I may speak of the good work done by the force that it might be encouraged to go further ahead in the future.

"Few people realize that in Vancouver better police work is done, comparatively speaking, than in any other part of the Dominion, and when there are taken into consideration the many conditions, such as the situation of the city to the sea, the cosmopolitan population, etc., and the convictions, the work of the force is worthy of every laudation. Whenever the opportunity offers I will always be ready to put in a good word for the department of this city, and I am glad to be able to take advantage of the opportunity on this occasion."

"The compliment was received with applause by those who were in the court room, and Chief North and his sergeants were the subjects of congratulation.

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